GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:209
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2007
SALE OF RAILWAY TICKETS THROUGH POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate the sale of railway reservation tickets through post offices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details about the execution of various other kinds of works allocated to the Indian Postal Services during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the total number of postal employees required for sale of railway reservation tickets through post offices;

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the strength of postal employees; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 209 FOR 27TH AUGUST, 2007 REGARDING SALE OF RAILWAY TICKETS THROUGH POST OFFICES.

(a) The Department of Posts has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Railways on 31st of July, 2007, to provide computerized Passenger Reservation System (PRS) terminals in select post offices.

(b) The details of the scheme are given below:

(i) The computerized Passenger Reservation System will be operated in select Post Offices mutually agreed upon by the Ministry of Railways and Department of Posts.
(ii) The cost for the hardware, communication equipment, communication channels etc. will be borne by the Ministry of Railways.
(iii) The staff for booking the tickets will be provided by Department of Posts
(iv) The fee for booking railway tickets is given below:

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Sleeper and Second class Rs. 15
All other classes  Rs. 25
Cancellation charges  Rs. 10
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This fee will be collected from the passengers who will book their tickets through post offices.

(c) As a part of business package, various initiatives have been taken by the Department of Posts to increase revenue under Business Development. The Business packages undertaken are given in the Annexure.

(d) New business packages are introduced by the Department of Posts with the objective of optimal utilization of existing manpower and infrastructure which is adequate for the purpose.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.